

AGOURA HILLS	BRADBURY	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH EL MONTE	
AZUSA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LAKEWOOD	ROLLING HILLS	SOUTH GATE	
BALDWIN PARK	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LANCASTER	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	TEMPLE CITY	
BELL	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LAWDALE	ROSEMEAD	WALNUT	
BELL GARDENS	COMMERCE	GLENDALE	IRWINDALE	LOMITA	SAN DIMAS	WEST HOLLYWOOD	
BELLFLOWER	COVINA	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SANTA CLARITA	

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are requesting your Board's approval for an increase in the current spending authority for our Contract Air Program from \$6 million to \$9.5 million to provide for anticipated expenditures in extending the Helitanker and SuperScoop lease agreements.

As we informed your Honorable Board on November 14, 2007, the Fire District extended the contract aircraft leases for the Erickson Air-Crane Helitanker and the two CL-415 SuperScoopers through December 31, 2007, due to the continuing dry wildland fuel and weather conditions. As was seen with the recent fires, these resources are an integral part of the Fire District's firefighting efforts.

Based on the current dry wildland fuel and weather conditions, the District plans to extend the aircraft leases for an additional 60 days from December 31, 2007. As a result of this extension and in anticipation of additional fuel and flight hour usage through March 1, 2008, we require an increase of \$3.5 million in spending authority and an appropriation adjustment for \$4.2 million.

Although we anticipate on extending the leases, we will continue to monitor the fuel and weather conditions, and will keep your Board apprised of the possibility of releasing these aircraft prior to March 1, 2008.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Service Excellence.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The current Board approved spending authority for the Fire District's Contract Aircraft Program is \$6 million. Based on the recent fires' flight usage, we anticipate that the total costs for the lease extension through March 1, 2008, including daily stand-by, flight hour and fuel costs, will be approximately \$9.5 million. Therefore, the current spending authority needs to be increased by \$3.5 million.

In addition, the Fire District's 2007-08 Budget includes \$5.3 million for the Contract Air Program. With current projected costs of \$9.5 million, we require an appropriation increase of \$4.2 million. With your Board's approval of the attached appropriation adjustment, recognizing the potential State and Federal revenue from the CAL Fire, United States Forest Service and FEMA for our response to the recent fires, and transferring funds from the Fire District's Designation for Budget Uncertainties, the Fire District will have sufficient appropriation to cover the anticipated cost increases for both lease extensions. There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The current spending authority of \$6 million for the Fire District's Contract Air Program, which includes contract aircraft leases for the Erickson Air-Crane Helitanker and the two CL-415 SuperScoopers, was approved by your Board on July 10, 2007. Approval of the recommended increase in spending authority will allow the Fire District to expend a total of \$9.5 million, for both lease agreements combined, as needed.

The existing SuperScoop Service Agreement is for a five-year term and was renewed by your Board on November 15, 2005. The lease is renewed annually on an as-needed basis, with provisions to extend or terminate the lease with fifteen (15) days written notice. The existing lease term for the dedicated Helitanker can also be amended based on the fire weather conditions and/or fire activity upon five (5) days written notice.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Fire District to continue our efforts to provide fire suppression services to residents of Los Angeles County.

### **CONCLUSION**

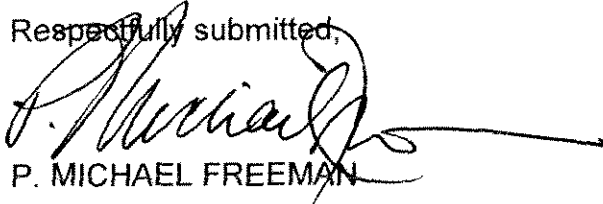
Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to the following offices:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Executive Office  
1320 N. Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90063
2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Materials Management Division  
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100  
Commerce, CA 90040  
Attn: James Ealey, Division Chief
3. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Financial Management Division  
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 130  
Commerce, CA 90040  
Attn: Helen Jo, Division Chief

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
December 18, 2007  
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4. Internal Services Department  
Purchasing Division  
1100N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102  
Los Angeles, CA 90063  
Attn: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,



P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:HEJ:tb

Attachment

- c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Internal Services Department

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

DEPT'S. No. 390-08

December 3, 2007

## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

## ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

## Summary Total:

## Sources:

\$ 4,200,000

## Uses:

\$ 4,200,000

The Appropriation Adjustment is necessary to fund the extension of the Belitanker and SuperScoop lease agreements.

*Theresa R Barrera*

Theresa Barrera, Assistant Chief, FMD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR

ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓

AS REVISED

December 5, 2007 *Josephine White*

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY *Hel. J. J.*

No. 067

Dec 5 2007

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

SEND 6 COPIES TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

See attachment

4-Vote ✓  
Fiscal Year 2007-08 ✓

**SOURCES:**

✓ Fire Department  
✓ Operations  
Federal - Other  
DA1-FR-90-9001-40100-40215  
\$ 700,000

Fire Department  
Operations  
State -Other  
DA1-FR-88-8831-40100-40215  
\$ 1,500,000

Fire Department  
Financing Elements  
Designation for Budget Uncertainties  
DA1-FR-3047  
\$ 2,000,000

**USES:**

Fire Department  
Operations  
Services & Supplies  
DA1-FR-2000-40100-40215  
\$ 4,200,000

BA # 067 *del Fung* Dec 5, 2007